

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification on page 4, lines 22-27, as follows:

Reference in this regard can be had, by example, to ~~pending~~ U. S. Patent Application Serial No. [[]] 09/504,130, filed ~~XXXXXX~~ February 15, 2000, entitled "Feeder Link Code-Division Multiplexing and ~~Demultiplexing~~ De-multiplexing for a Satellite Communication System", by Wing-po Yung and Paul A. Monte, now abandoned. The disclosure of this patent application is incorporated by reference in its entirety insofar as it does not conflict with the teachings of the present invention.